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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A glass article comprising an alkali-containing glass substrate, and a barrier film for preventing diffusion of metal ions formed on a surface of said alkali-containing glass substrate, wherein said barrier film mainly consisting of indium oxide and/or tin oxide.
- 2. A glass article as claimed in claim 1, wherein said article further comprises an under layer for preventing diffusion of alkali ions formed on the surface of said alkali-containing glass substrate, and wherein said barrier film is formed on said under layer.
- 3. A glass article as claimed in claim 1 or 2, further comprising an insulating film formed on said barrier film.
- 4. A glass article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the surface electrical resistance of said insulating film is in a range from $1.0 \times 10^6 \,\Omega$ / to $1.0 \times 10^{16} \,\Omega$ / .
- 5. A glass article as claimed in claim 3 or 4, wherein the surface electrical resistance of said insulating film is kept in the range from 1.0 \times 10⁶ Ω/\Box to 1.0 \times 10¹⁶ Ω/\Box even after heating process at 550 °C for 1 hour.
 - 6. A glass article as claimed in any one of claims 3 through 5,

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further comprising an electrode film formed on said insulating film.

- 7. A glass article as claimed in claim 6, wherein said electrode film includes Ag.
- 8. A glass substrate for a display comprising: an alkali-containing glass substrate; an under layer for preventing diffusion of alkali ions formed on a surface of said alkali-containing glass substrate; a barrier film for preventing diffusion of metal ions mainly consisting of indium oxide and/or tin oxide; an insulating film; and an electrode film,

said films being formed in the enumerated order, and the surface electrical resistance of said insulating film being kept in a range from $1.0\times 10^6~\Omega/\Box$ to $1.0\times 10^{16}~\Omega/\Box$ even after heating process at 550 °C for 1 hour.